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Burglar Arrested after Beaverton Police Respond to Burglary in Progress Call

On December 2nd at approximately 3:00 PM Beaverton Police received a call of a burglary in progress at a home on Chestnut Place in Beaverton. The homeowner called 911 after he returned home to find items moved around inside and the rear glass slider shattered. The homeowner believed that he had returned home while the burglary was in progress and startled the burglar(s).

Numerous Officers responded to the area and several observed a suspicious subject walking near the Bi-Mart store at Western Ave and Beaverton Hillsdale Highway. This is a short distance from the location of the burglary. The subject was carrying a full duffel bag, was under dressed for rainy weather, and appeared to be trying to avoid the police who were converging in the area. The subject was contacted and spoke with the officer for a moment before he dropped the duffel bag and took off running. The officer gave chase and caught the suspect a short distance away. After the suspect was taken into custody he was cooperative and assisted with the investigation. The bag the suspect dropped contained items stolen from the burglary.

The suspect is identified as 32 year old Benjamin Hicks. Police are investigating whether Hicks acted alone or had assistance in the burglary. It is also unknown at this time if Hicks is responsible for additional burglaries. Detectives are currently investigating and the investigation is ongoing.

Hicks will be lodged at the Washington County Jail for Burglary I. Additional charges are pending the outcome of the investigation.

The homeowner stated he did not wish to participate in any interviews with the media, either on or off camera.

A mug photo of the suspect will be available via Washington County Jail sometime this evening after he is lodged.